

REMARKS

The present amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated April 17, 2007, which set a three-month period for response, making this amendment due by July 17, 2007.

Claims 14-26 are pending in this application.

In the Office Action, claims 10 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1-13 were provisionally rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-12 of co-pending Application No. 10/530,065.

In the present amendment, claims 1-13 have been canceled and new claims 14-26 have been added. New claims 23-26, which correspond to original claims 10-13, have been rewritten in independent form to include the complete formula for the hydrazone derivative of formula 1. The remaining claims were rewritten to adopt standard U.S. claim format.

The specification was amended to add standard sectional headings and to add cross references to the related U.S. and foreign applications.

With regard to the double patenting rejection, the Applicants will file a terminal disclaimer that disclaims that portion of the term of any patent that issues on the present application that extends beyond the term of the patent that issues from co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/530,065.

The application in its amended state is believed to be in condition for allowance. Action to this end is courteously solicited. However, should the Examiner have

any comments or suggestions, or wish to discuss the merits of the application, the undersigned would very much welcome a telephone call in order to expedite placement of the application into condition for allowance.

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